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Senate

The Senate met at 10 a.m., and was called to order by the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Today's prayer will be offered by our guest Chaplain, Rev. Cecil H. Perry, of Oak Hill, WV, a guest of Senator ROBERT BYRD.

PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

As we pause to pray, we are grateful for this wonderful privilege the Bible says in John 9:31 is only given to those that worship God and do His will. It is a time in which the almighty God, the God of Heaven and Earth, the only true living God, condescends to be here in this most precious hour before this group of American citizens exercising one of the freedoms they possess—that of assembly, seeking to bring to fruition matters that are good and best for our beloved Nation—America under God.

God, we pray that You will smile upon these Senators who chose a life of public service. Strengthen them that they can give their full measure of service in this session and all future ones, remembering that God's word is the final authority in all matters.

In the name of Jesus I pray. Amen.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Honorable ZELL MILLER led the Pledge of Allegiance, as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will please read a communication to the Senate from the President pro tempore (Mr. BYRD).

The assistant legislative clerk read the following letter:

U.S. SENATE,
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE,
Washington, DC, October 3, 2002.

To the Senate:

Under the provisions of rule I, paragraph 3, of the Standing Rules of the Senate, I hereby appoint the Honorable ZELL MILLER, a Senator from the State of Georgia, to perform the duties of the Chair.

ROBERT C. BYRD,
President pro tempore.

Mr. MILLER thereupon assumed the chair as Acting President pro tempore.

ORDER OF PROCEDURE

Mr. REID. Senator BYRD, the President pro tempore of the Senate, is in the Chamber this morning and is going to make some comments regarding the guest Chaplain. I ask unanimous consent that Senator BYRD be recognized for whatever time he feels is appropriate. Following that, after the Chair announces morning business, the Republican time has already been set aside as the first half hour. I ask unanimous consent that Senator WELLSTONE be recognized for the second half hour and that the time of Senator BYRD precede the time for morning business and would not take any part of that half hour from either the majority or the minority.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CAL- ENDAR—S.J. RES. 45, H.R. 3534, AND H.R. 4793

Mr. REID. There are two bills and a joint resolution at the desk, S.J. Res. 45, H.R. 3534, and H.R. 4973, having been read the first time, is that correct?

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator is correct.

Mr. REID. I ask unanimous consent that it be in order for these bills and the joint resolution to receive a second

reading en bloc, but then I would object to any further proceedings on these matters.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The clerk will read the bills and joint resolution by title.

The assistant legislative clerk read the bills and joint resolution as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 45) to authorize the use of United States Armed Forces against Iraq.

A bill (H.R. 4793) to authorize grants through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention for mosquito control programs to prevent mosquito-borne diseases.

A bill (H.R. 3534) to provide for the settlement of certain land claims of Cherokee, Choctaw, and Chickasaw Nations to the Arkansas Riverbed in Oklahoma.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Objection having been heard, the bills and joint resolution will be placed on the calendar.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. The Senator from West Virginia is recognized.

WELCOME AND HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO REVEREND CECIL PERRY OF WEST VIRGINIA

Mr. BYRD. Mr. President, this morning's inspirational invocation was delivered by the Rev. Cecil Perry from Oak Hill, WV. I am pleased and proud to announce today, October 3, is the Reverend Mr. Perry's 85th birthday.

I am also pleased and proud to point out that more than 50 years ago—as a matter of fact, it was more than 60 years ago—Mr. Perry and I worked together as meat cutters in the New River Company Store near Beckley, WV. Our careers took us on different paths. Mine became a career in public service. Mr. Perry became a coal miner. That is a very honorable title, a “coal miner.” The man who raised me was a coal miner. My wife's father was a coal miner. My wife's brother-in-law

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